

Psalms

by The Bible

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

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About the Pre-Reading Activity

Open-dictionary; ungraded or completion grade. Students preview 20 words from the upcoming reading, each in a sentence that supports understanding. They choose the best meaning from 3 choices.

About the Optional Post-Reading Quiz

Use after reading, or skip. The same words appear in excerpts from the text.

Practice words: adversary, afflict, congregation, contrite, forsake, guile, habitat, heathen, nevertheless, perish, persecution, pestilence, posterity, refuge, reproach, reprove, strife, testimony, transgress, wrath



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	C
3	B
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10	B
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18	B
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Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

Read each prompt. Then choose the best meaning for the bold word.

1. Their **adversaries** outsmarted them.
 - A. sub-groups
 - B. replacements
 - C. opponents
2. She has been **afflicted** with migraines since childhood.
 - A. worried about
 - B. surprised by
 - C. made to suffer
3. The **congregation** voted to approve appointment of the new minister.
 - A. people who agree
 - B. people who worship together
 - C. people who meet periodically
4. Even after the jury found her guilty, she showed no sign of **contrition**.
 - A. regret
 - B. understanding
 - C. emotion
5. In the third year of their brutal civil war, moderates feel forsaken by the west.
 - A. abandoned
 - B. respected
 - C. defeated
6. She had the **guile** to lie directly to his face.
 - A. necessity
 - B. cunning and deceit
 - C. ambition
7. They are found in the marine **habitat** of the kelp forest of southern California.
 - A. feeding routine
 - B. natural environment
 - C. breeding season
8. The Spanish colony prohibited **heathen** worship.
 - A. religious
 - B. organized
 - C. non-Christian
9. She loves him. **Nevertheless**, she is determined to stop seeing him unless he stops drinking.
 - A. also
 - B. despite that
 - C. in addition
10. We can work together or **perish** separately.
 - A. work
 - B. die
 - C. fail
11. In that country people who are gay are **persecuted** by law.
 - A. forced to leave
 - B. ignored
 - C. treated badly
12. The plague was a terrible **pestilence** that killed millions of people.
 - A. widespread disease
 - B. antibiotic-resistant bacteria
 - C. famine-causing drought

13. She recorded her family history for posterity, hoping her great-grandchildren would one day read it.
- A. personal amusement
 - B. future generations
 - C. academic records
14. She took refuge from the sun under a beautiful oak tree.
- A. protection
 - B. shade
 - C. warmth
15. Don't reproach yourself for things beyond your control.
- A. congratulate
 - B. criticize
 - C. accept honor for
16. I don't want to spoil her, but I don't have the heart to reprove her.
- A. criticize
 - B. compliment
 - C. instruct
17. Civil strife tore the country apart for nearly a decade before reform began.
- A. joyful celebration
 - B. violent conflict
 - C. quiet agreement
18. Before your testimony, they will have you solemnly swear to tell *the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth*.
- A. job interview
 - B. statements at a trial
 - C. confession
19. The use of innocents as human shields transgresses "the laws of war."
- A. is within
 - B. violates
 - C. expands
20. She fears the wrath of God.
- A. angry punishment
 - B. power
 - C. unpredictable moods

Vocabulary in Context

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____ Score _____ / 20

Read each prompt. Then choose the best meaning for the bold word.

- 1 2:1 Why do the **heathen** rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?
A. the ability and tendency to determine what should be done and to start doing it without instruction; or to start something
B. the state of not being relevant (not related to the subject being considered, or not important enough to want to consider)
C. someone who is not civilized or not moral OR an offensive term for a person who does not believe in a preferred religion
- 2 2:5 Then shall he speak unto them in his **wrath**, and vex them in his sore displeasure.
A. extreme anger
B. determination
C. use of reason
- 3 5:10 Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their **transgressions**; for they have rebelled against thee.
A. light seen after bouncing off a surface to another
B. acts that violate rules, promises, or social norms
C. inexperience, innocence, or lack of sophistication
- 4 9:6 O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end: and thou hast destroyed cities; their memorial is **perished** with them.
A. examined in detail to better understand
B. died, was destroyed, or ceased to exist
C. moved into position to work; or started
- 5 9:9 The LORD also will be a **refuge** for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.
A. something giving protection or comfort -- especially a safe place
B. a ceiling designed to affect noise -- typically to decrease noise
C. a person (often a writer or artist) living an unconventional life
- 6 9:10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not **forsaken** them that seek thee.
A. abandoned or given up on
B. the state of being awake
C. able to take on or adopt
- 7 10:2 The wicked in his pride doth **persecute** the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.
A. select (on a computer screen)
B. exchange, convert, or pay off
C. treat very badly and unfairly
- 8 15:3 He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a **reproach** against his neighbour.
A. move into position to work; or start
B. a criticism; or to express criticism
C. to spread to other parts of the body
- 9 25:10 All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his **testimonies**.
A. settings or situations in which things occur
B. evidence -- especially statements in a trial
C. statements that recommend or act as evidence
- 10 26:8 LORD, I have loved the **habitation** of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.
A. relating to logical examination of something to better understand it
B. the type of environment in which an organism or group normally lives
C. lack of interest; or the process of stopping interaction or interest

- 11 26:12 *My foot standeth in an even place; in the congregations will I bless the LORD.*
 A. images (seen on a mirror or other shiny surface)
 B. people who worship together in the same building
 C. electronic components that act as one-way valves
- 12 31:20 *Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.*
 A. thing that affects a result or outcome
 B. violent conflict or angry disagreement
 C. job, reservation, booking, or activity
- 13 31:22 *For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.*
 A. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 B. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 C. therefore (for that reason)
- 14 32:2 *Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.*
 A. prepare food in a way that keeps it from spoiling
 B. cunning (shrewdness and cleverness) and deceitful
 C. treat as a particular type that is considered bad
- 15 34:18 *The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.*
 A. feeling sorrow or regret for a fault or offense
 B. the state or degree of being good or beneficial
 C. not able to change to fit a different situation
- 16 34:19 *Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.*
 A. reasons for doing something
 B. social events or ceremonies
 C. things that cause suffering
- 17 38:14 *Thus I was as a man that heareth not, and in whose mouth are no reproofs.*
 A. criticisms
 B. sympathies
 C. main roads
- 18 38:20 *They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries; because I follow the thing that good is.*
 A. loyalties
 B. made holy
 C. opponents
- 19 49:13 *This their way is their folly: yet their posterity approve their sayings.*
 A. not thinking carefully
 B. all future generations
 C. lacks adequate funding
- 20 91:3 *Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.*
 A. widespread disease (usually severe); or any severely harmful or evil influence that is hard to get rid of
 B. a South African whose first language is Afrikaans -- typically descendants of 17th century Dutch settlers
 C. something that is not obvious, but noticeable by someone with adequate sensitivity and relevant knowledge

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	heathen	Used 38 times in this book.
2	A	wrath	Used 29 times in this book.
3	B	transgress	Used 20 times in this book.
4	B	perish	High-utility academic word; used 21 times in this book.
5	A	refuge	Used 18 times in this book.
6	A	forsake	Used 18 times in this book.
7	C	persecution	Used 17 times in this book.
8	B	reproach	Used 33 times in this book.
9	B	testimony	Used 32 times in this book.
10	B	habitat	Used 15 times in this book.
11	B	congregation (<i>as in: the congregation voted</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 21 times in this book.
12	B	strife	Used 4 times in this book.
13	B	nevertheless	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
14	B	guile	Used 3 times in this book.
15	A	contrite	Used 2 times in this book.
16	C	afflict	Used 35 times in this book.
17	A	reprove	Used 5 times in this book.
18	C	adversary	High-utility academic word; used 9 times in this book.
19	B	posterity	Used 2 times in this book.
20	A	pestilence	Used 3 times in this book.